

109TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 3954

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require monthly reporting regarding the number of individuals who have fallen into the part D donut hole and the amount such individuals are spending on covered part D drugs while in the donut hole.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 27, 2006

Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. MENENDEZ) introduced the following bill;
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Honest Medicare Act
5 of 2006”.

1 **SEC. 2. MONTHLY REPORTING REGARDING THE NUMBER**
 2 **OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE FALLEN INTO**
 3 **THE PART D DONUT HOLE AND THE AMOUNT**
 4 **SUCH INDIVIDUALS ARE SPENDING ON COV-**
 5 **ERED PART D DRUGS WHILE IN THE DONUT**
 6 **HOLE.**

7 Section 1860D–1 of the Social Security Act (42
 8 U.S.C. 1395w–101) is amended by adding at the end the
 9 following new subsection:

10 “(d) INFORMATION REGARDING INDIVIDUALS WHO
 11 HAVE REACHED THE INITIAL COVERAGE LIMIT.—Not
 12 later than the 15th of each month (beginning with Feb-
 13 ruary 2007), the Secretary shall make available to the
 14 public information on—

15 “(1) the number of individuals enrolled in a
 16 prescription drug plan or an MA–PD plan who have
 17 reached the initial coverage limit applicable under
 18 the plan but who have not reached the annual out-
 19 of-pocket threshold specified in section 1860D–
 20 2(b)(4)(B); and

21 “(2) the amount such individuals are spending
 22 on covered part D drugs after they have reached
 23 such limit and before they have reached such thresh-
 24 old.”.

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